

PERTH AND PEEL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

**35. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Environment:**

On 22 December 2022, the Minister for Environment announced via a media release that the state government would discontinue the strategic assessment of the Perth and Peel regions—SAPPR—instead prioritising regional planning to help provide certainty over land usage planning while addressing cumulative environmental impacts.

- (1) In the last 14 months, has the government progressed conservation and restoration plans for the Perth and Peel regions?
- (2) What is the progress?
- (3) Will the government consult publicly regarding the content of these plans?
- (4) How many FTE staff has the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation allocated to delivering these reforms?
- (5) Will the government alter the manner in which offsets are delivered in the Perth and Peel region?
- (6) Has the removal of the SAPPR altered approval time frames in the Perth and Peel region for part IV approvals?

**Hon DARREN WEST replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. On behalf of the Minister for Environment, I provide the following answer.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) A census of existing data, mapping, policies and plans is almost complete. Refinement of environmental values mapping is underway.
- (3) Yes, the government intends to consult as the plans are developed.
- (4) It is three FTE.
- (5) Offsets are applied in line with the current offsets framework.
- (6) Not applicable. SAPPR was not applied in the Perth and Peel region.